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Materials Research & Manufacturing

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Members of the Materials Research and Manufacturing Division share information concerning all phases of materials procurement production, applications and handling by means of educational activities, cooperative programs, publications and Division-sponsored events at annual conferences.

Since the end of November I have been pondering what to write. I have been organization president/chair before and I always hated the "message" duty. Can you believe that? I was a technical writer for most of my career but librarian only two years and pseudo librarian where half my work as a technical writer was really library work for over nine years. But that was 15 years ago. I've continued to be active in SLA at the urging of my convention room-mate for many years who told me, "I think you should stay active."

On October 11 on my way to my Marion, Illinois home, I totaled a deer and my van. On October 22 I got my newer one (2002 Windstar), but 8 weeks later, I rear-ended somebody. No injuries to me but the driver of the Chevy Suburban complained of neck pain and took an ambulance ride to the hospital. I drove my van for another 2 weeks until the shop could start – they had 75 cars in for bodywork when I went for the estimate. This time I was faced with spending Christmas at Marion at home with no wheels (because of accidents last year, I have high-risk insurance and no rental coverage). So I called my cousin who drives his semi up and down the Interstate I-57 near my house and asked him if I could hitchhike 12/20 or so. So glad I did that Tuesday before the storm. He said that, seeing the damage to my car, he doubted that anyone in the other vehicle was really injured. The van was to be done 12/29 at first, but when they were authorized to open the hood, of course there was more damage. More parts to order & more time to repair it. January 6 is the completion date now.

I had arranged for my neighbor, a dog groomer who is into pet rescue, to take care of the dogs while I was gone. She was going to get them and take them to her place that Wednesday the storm hit. She and her husband were able to get there on the tractor a few days later (before Christmas). The dogs were out of food in their dishes but had water yet. The snow in my driveway of 0.2 miles was belly-deep to the tractor. It had taken them four

hours to clean out their driveway and get to the road. It is about as long as mine.

I had been making 3 trips a week hauling what would fit. My kitties are moved, three living room chairs, two dressers, 145 patio blocks I had used to pave the dog pen. They will make walks here, boxes and boxes of papers, books, etc. I want to sell my piano because Mom has one like it. I haven't advertised anything yet because a cousin is interested in the piano yet. Also, I want to sell my dining table and chairs, the hide-a-bed sofa, and maybe my antique (treadle) sewing machine. It does work. Mom also has a older one (circa 1887) that works. I gave my dog kennel to my neighbor for rescued pets. She gets my extra crates and carriers too. If I ever show dogs again, it will be most likely after my mother passes.

My registration is in and reservations made for the SLA Summit meeting in Florida. Make your reservations for the Toronto conference if you haven't already. I'm looking forward to seeing you there.❖

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